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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION - ESSEX COUNTY DOCKET NO. C-212-99

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General of the State of New:
Jersey; the DIVISION OF:
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, and the:
NEW JERSEY STATE:
BOARD OF DENTISTRY:

Plaintiffs,

vs.

RONEY LOPES

Defendant

Civil Action

ORDER FOR JUDGMENT

This matter having been opened to the Court on the filing of a Verified Complaint and an <u>ex parte</u> application brought on June 11, 1999, by the State of New Jersey, Board of Dentistry by John J. Farmer, Jr., Attorney General of New Jersey, counsel for plaintiffs, Brenda Talbot Lewis, Deputy Attorney General,

appearing, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-18, 45:1-23, 56:8-3, 56:8-8 and  $\underline{R}$ . 4:52-1 and the Court, the Honorable Julio M. Fuentes, P.J.S.C., presiding, having entered an Order to Show Cause with Temporary Restraints and an Order Authorizing Impoundment of Evidence on the same date, and defendant having failed to appear on the return date of the Order to Show Cause and having failed to file reply papers, and an Order Extending Temporary Restraints and Setting Date for Fact-Finding having been filed on July 26, 1999, and said Order having been served on defendant by regular mail and by leaving a copy at his home at 48 St. Francis Street, Newark, New Jersey, and defendant having failed to appear on August 10, 1999, the date set for hearing, and the Court having considered the papers filed and having heard testimony of witnesses from the Enfocement Bureau, Division of Consumer Affairs, and having found that defendant Roney Lopes has been practicing dentistry without a license and has been representing himself as being a dentist, and other good cause existing therefore,

IT IS on this 5th day of November, 1999,

ORDERED that the defendant Roney Lopes be and hereby is permanently restrained from the unlicensed practice of dentistry unless and until he is licensed to so practice, and it is further

ORDERED that defendant Roney Lopes shall pay a penalty in this matter of \$2500 to the Board of Dentistry for practicing dentistry without being licensed to do so, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:6-1 et seq., and \$7500 to the Division of Consumer Affairs for falsely representing himself as being licensed to practice dentistry in

violation of the Consumer Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 56:8-1 et seq., and it is further

ORDERED that defendant shall pay costs of investigation in this matter of \$5,380.62, and attorney fees of \$978.82.

JULIO M. FUENTES J.S.C.

Julio M. Fuentes, P.J.S.C.